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Brigadier General William P. Yarborough
Commandant, Army Special Forces
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Dear General Yarborough:

We are delighted to hear good reports concerning the instruction you are presenting in the Senior Officer Counterinsurgency and Special Warfare Orientation Course.

Two of our senior personnel who attended the course last month were especially impressed by the high standard of instruction and excellence of presentation in the program. They also commented on the unusual opportunity the course affords in acquainting officers, who have had no previous field experience, in the problems of counterinsurgency.

We hope to continue using the billets you have made to the Agency principally by assigning civilians or reserve officer employees. Rather than sending professional paramilitary specialists exclusively, we would prefer to take advantage of the course by sending senior Agency personnel whose work is affected by counterinsurgency problems but who perhaps have not had the opportunity to be exposed to the military side of the activity.

Granting the complex nature of counterinsurgency, I am particularly pleased to hear the Army is carrying through this instruction with such success.

Faithfully yours,

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